

Answer Key

Amazing Wonders

Natural Resources: 10. stream, 3. mountains, 1. deer, 5. owl, 12. waterfall, and 7. desert.

Cultural Resources: 2. fort, 9. rock art, 8. cliff dwelling, 11. arrowhead, 6. pioneer cabin, and 4. mining relics.

Clues to the Past

1. E—Even though sherds are from broken pots, they can tell us many things, such as the style of pottery, the technology used to make the pot, and an estimation of the size and shape of the unbroken vessel. People at different times and places made different styles of pottery, so a sherd can even tell us its age and the culture of its maker.
2. C—There was no true writing system in North America before the Europeans came. We do not know the meaning rock art had to its makers.
3. D—Like pottery, the style of an arrowhead can tell us its approximate age and the culture of the person who made it.
4. D—People who make structures meant to be permanent are not usually nomads. Nomadic people live in tents, caves, or structures that can be assembled in a hurry using locally available materials, such as grass and brush.

True or False

1. False. Archaeologists learn about people of the past by studying the things they left behind. Dinosaurs and people were not on the earth at the same time—dinosaurs died out 65 million years before humans appeared. Paleontologists study dinosaurs, plants, and other fossils.
2. False. Historians study past events by examining written records and other material evidence of human activity.
3. False. Sites can reveal wonderful, exciting, and mysterious stories about cultures that no longer exist, and can show us how we have affected and been affected by the environment. These lessons from the past can help us solve modern day problems. Sites almost never contain gold.
4. True. Many of America's millions of archaeological and historic sites are in remote locations and are not guarded by rangers. Everyone is on the honor system when visiting these sites.
5. True. These lands belong to all of the people of the United States, and are managed on behalf of all Americans, present and future, by the Bureau of Land Management.
6. False. Everyone can protect historic and archaeological sites by never collecting artifacts and by reporting anyone they see damaging sites to rangers or police.

Puzzle Pieces

A21, B34, C42, D53, E15

Steward Dos and Don'ts

Dos: 2,3,5 Don'ts: 1,4,6,7,8